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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF VON DRENKMANN MURDER

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1. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED  
MEETING OF BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOVEMBER 14  
WAS STATEMENT BY GOV MAYOR SCHUETZ, ON BEHALF OF  
SENAT, PRAISING VON DRENKMANN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
BERLIN, CONDEMNING HIS MURDERERS AND CALLING FOR  
SOLIDARITY OF ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES AGAINST EXTREMISTS  
AND FANATICS. CHAIRMEN OF CDU, SPD AND  
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FDP CAUCUSES EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS. (THERE WAS TO

HAVE BEEN SINGLE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE CAUCUSES IN HOUSE AND SENAT BUT CDU, WHICH PRESUMABLY WANTS TO KEEP HANDS FREE TO CRITICIZE SECURITY SITUATION, REFUSED TO GO ALONG, PREFERRING TO MAKE OWN STATEMENT.)

2. SENAT MEMORIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED AT RATHAUS MORNING NOVEMBER 21 HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO MASS CEREMONY AT 4:00 P.M. IN JFK SQUARE IN FRONT OF RATHAUS, HOWEVER, WITH RESULT SENAT SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING CDU TO CANCEL RALLY SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME. FEDERAL PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AS WELL AS FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT PRESIDENT BENDA. SENAT WAS EAGER TO HAVE BENDA, A BERLINER AND PROMINENT CDU MEMBER, BOTH AS THE SENIOR FRG JUSTICE AND TO ENSURE PARITY WITH FDP (SCHEEL) AND SPD (SCHUETZ). SENAT HAS POINTED OUT ADDRESS BY BENDA CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS EXERCISE OF STATE AUTHORITY (QA), BUT WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT HIS REMARKS ARE KEPT NON-CONTROVERSIAL.

3. FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS NOVEMBER 14 PASSED WITHOUT MAJOR INCIDENT. IN LATE AFTERNOON 700 DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED AT RATHAUS DESPITE POLICE BAN BUT WERE DISPERSED WITHOUT SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.. SHORTLY THEREAFTER LEGAL DEMONSTRATION OF 6,500 PERSONS MARCHED WITHOUT INCIDENT FROM DOWNTOWN AREA TO MOABIT PRISON TO PROTEST PRISON CONDITIONS AND EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR IMPRISONED RADICALS.

4. RADICALS ARE MEETING NOVEMBER 16 APPARENTLY TO ORGANIZE TRIBUNAL (REFTEL) NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19, AND THEY HAVE TALKED OF INVITING JEAN PAUL SARTRE, HEINRICH BOELL AND RUDI DUTSCHKE. PARTICIPATION OF SUCH LEFTIST STARS IS DOUBTFUL--BOELL AND DUTSCHKE HAVE ALREADY DENOUNCED ASSASSINATION OF JUDGE VON DRENKMANN.

5. POLICE ARE PREPARING FOR TWO PROTEST MEETINGS THIS WEEK-END. RADICAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL MEET SATURDAY AT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY UNDER THE THEME "AGAINST POLICE TERROR AND CLASS JUSTICE." LEAGUE AGAINST IMPERIALISM HAS ANNOUNCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY ON THEME "ELECTIONS IN GREECE" SCHEDULED TO END WITH RALLY ACROSS STREET FROM AMERIKA HAUS. (MISSION HAS REQUESTED BRITISH AUTHORITIES, IN WHOSE SECTOR AMERIKA HAUS IS LOCATED, TO BAN DEMONSTRATION OR AT LEAST NOT PERMIT IT TO END AT AMERIKA HAUS, BUT THEY HAVE DECLINED,)

6. ATMOSPHERE IS LESS TENSE TODAY FOLLOWING EFFECTIVE POLICE CONTROL OF DEMONSTRATORS LAST NIGHT, AND POLICE HAVE TOLD

US THEY ARE CONFIDENT OF MAINTAINING CONTROL. PERHAPS  
GREATEST DANGER AT THIS POINT IS THAT ANOTHER IMPRISONED  
RADICAL MIGHT STARVE HIMSELF TO DEATH. ACCORDING TO  
LATEST POLICE INFORMATION, ELEVEN PRISONERS ARE ON HUNGER  
STRIKE IN BERLIN, BUT ALL IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION  
DESPITE DEFENSE LAWYER'S CLAIM THAT MEINHOF DANGEROUSLY  
ILL.SELIGMANN

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